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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ONLINE ANALYTICAL PROCESSING  
USING DIMENSION ATTRIBUTES AND MULTIPLE HIERARCHIES PER  
DIMENSION**

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Sir:

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.131**

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that:

1. We, Cristian Petculescu, Amir Netz, Mosha Pasumansky, Marius Dumitru, Alexander Berger, and Paul Jonathon Sanders, are the inventors of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/603,037 (hereinafter referred to as "the 037 application"), filed June 24, 2003, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. We are aware that the pending claims of the 037 application have been rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Number 2004/0122844, in the name of Malloy *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as “Malloy *et al.*”).

3. We are aware that Malloy *et al.* was filed on December 18, 2002 without any claim to an earlier priority date.

4. In accordance with CFR § 1.131, as inventors of the subject matter of the pending claims, and without conceding the propriety of the rejections of the pending claims, we hereby declare that we invented the subject matter of the pending claims prior to December 18, 2002. We further hereby declare that we worked diligently from a date prior to December 18, 2002 to the date of constructive reduction to practice, June 24, 2006, the filing date of the 037 application, in order to prepare the 037 application and patent the invention.

5. Prior to December 18, 2002, an internal invention disclosure packet dated November 18, 2002 and entitled “Support For Dimension Attributes, And Multiple Hierarchies Per Dimension, In OnLine Analytical Processing (OLAP)” was prepared describing the subject matter of the 037 application. In support of the instant declaration, a redacted copy of the disclosure packet is attached hereto.

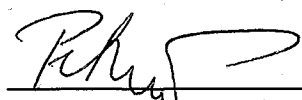
6. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information or belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or by imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereupon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

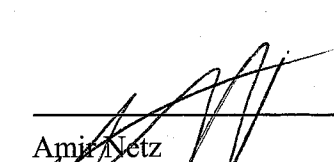
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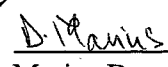
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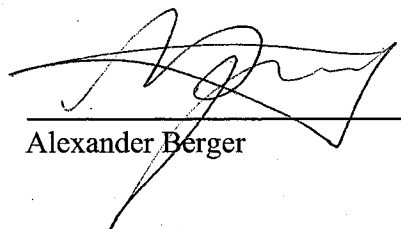
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